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REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the text of the Examiner's actions mailed February 18, 2005 and April 29, 2005. The comments and objections to the specification and abstract have been noted and addressed in accordance with the amendment practice of 37 CFR §1.121.

The amended claims have been revised per the Examiner's comments. No new issue is being raised. The amended claims contain the limitation of a heating element "comprising carbon fibers, graphite fibers, carbon filaments or graphite filaments" as permitted practice under 37 CFR §112, second paragraph. See MPEP §2173.05(h). Approximately 25 claims have also been cancelled. It is believed that the remaining 18 claims, as amended, place the invention in a better form for appeal. Claims 18 and 19 may now be in condition for allowance.

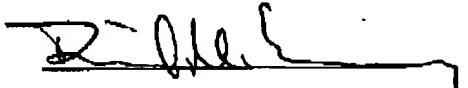
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SUMMARY

The Applicant has revised the amended the specification, abstract and claims in response to the Examiner's comments. 25 claims have been cancelled and the remaining claims narrow the issues to be addressed in appeal. Consideration and admission of the amendment is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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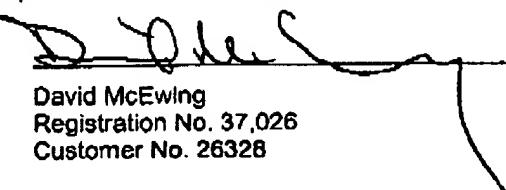


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